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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

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THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT
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DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

SUBJECT: Distribution of Hostile Intelligence Services
Multidisciplinary Threat and US Countermeasures
Assessment and Recommendations

A coordinated national approach to the wide range of intelligence collection techniques by which hostile intelligence services threaten the United States is vital to our security. To foster this approach National Security Decision Directive 2 directs that an annual assessment of the relative threat to United States interests from foreign intelligence and security services be prepared including an assessment of the effectiveness of various countermeasures. The purpose is to enable the National Security Council and the President to perceive the threat broadly, especially the interaction of different hostile collection systems and to develop and maintain an integrated countermeasures program. In tasking this third national assessment, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs asked that it consider in particular "active measures" and that it expand the evaluation of the effectiveness of the various countermeasures employed to meet the threat.

The assessment, together with a series of recommendations for improving US countermeasures under separate cover, was prepared by the National Multidisciplinary Counterintelligence

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Assessment Center assigned to the Director of Central Intelligence and is distributed for your review and action. The assessment is sobering in its judgement of the increasing strategic threat posed by the intelligence services of the Soviet Union and its allies and disturbing in its assessment of the adequacy of US countermeasures.

In National Security Study Directive 2-82, Detecting and Countering the Foreign Intelligence Threat to the United States, the President has asked that the current multidisciplinary assessment, as well as the two previous ones, be drawn upon in establishing the nature and scope of the threat. The Senior Interagency Group - Intelligence (SIG-I) shall consider the assessment and recommendations in the course of the NSSD 2-82 review. In this connection, appropriate addressees should prepare a detailed plan for implementing each of the recommendations contained in the current assessment as part of that review and in time to input the development of the FY 1984 budget.

Where appropriate, you may wish to draw on the attached assessment in preparing for upcoming FY 1983 budget hearings on US counterintelligence needs.

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